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1. Location

See Annex 1.

- ## 2. Size and Installations

The plant covered a site about 500 meters square and was surrounded by a board fence. Most of the site was built up with old wooden sheds. A road about 6 to 7 meters wide and 1 km long was being built across the landing field of the airfield from the new large workshop to the launching site under construction near the gorge northeast of the plant.

3. Designation

The plant was generally called Zavod 456.

- #### 4. Historical Data

Most of the plant was an old and neglected installation. The workshop in which the production of V-weapons was done and the production of individual V-weapons parts had already started was a modern object. According to source, this workshop was built shortly before the war. Most of the machinery was dismantled in Germany. V-1 and V-2 missiles, partly packed in boxes, and individual parts of V-weapons were stored in the plant. A German foreman, Pilz, from Nordhausen who was employed in the plant stated that the V-weapons had come from Nordhausen. The boxes were lettered "Moscow-Khimki". A V-weapons launching site was being built by PJs near the airfield of Khimki. It was not completed in February 1948.

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5. Work Force

About 500 Soviet workers, mostly women, and 1,000 Pws were assigned to the day shift, which was from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Source did not know whether other shifts were worked.

6. German Specialists

According to German foreman Pilz, 30 more German specialists from the Nordhausen V-weapons plant were forced to work in Moscow-Khimki. They were quartered with their families in a settlement in Khimki.

7. Production

The following observations were made in the large workshop: (the letters in brackets refer to the legend of Annex 1)

a. Several V-1 missiles (see Annex 2) were stored in department (a). Some were fastened on trestles and measured by Soviet civilians. The measuring apparatus were mounted on tripods and looked like leveling instruments. The room was not equipped with machinery.

b. About 50 medium-size machine tools (lathes, milling, planing, and shaping machines) were set up in department (b). From the name plates on the machines it was inferred that they were of German origin. The production itself was not observed.

c. Large hydraulic multiple pillar presses were in department (c). Round plates were continually punched in two operations (see Annex 3). The material used for these plates was 8-mm steel sheets which were subjected to a cold treatment. The finished plates had a diameter of about 450 mm and were provided with six concentric holes with a diameter of about 70 mm. Large quantities of the plates were manufactured and shipped by trucks to an unidentified destination.

d. Two V-2 weapons were stored in department (d), a room equipped with 60 to 70 machine tools of all kinds (see Annex 4). At several lathes 1-mm steel wire was wound around two-piece iron spheres. The windings were so close that, finally, the sphere was no longer to be seen. The individual coils were kept together by iron clasps. No details available on the output and destination of this product.

e. Machines were also stored in department (e). No production was observed.

f. Department (f) consisted of two rooms of equal size, one being used as a store room. Machinery was not observed.

g. Only office rooms were on the second floor of the new large workshop (150 x 200 meters). Sections (a), (b), (c), and (f) were one-story and had sky lights.

h. Source could not furnish further data on the production of the plant. He only observed frequent shipments of tin containers, buckets and iron bed-stands. No details available.

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